

Alphonzo L. Wilcox

1850-1950 Lehi Centennial Biography

Alphonzo L. Wilcox, son of Hiland D. Wilcox and Alverina Rhodes Wilcox, was born in Lehi, May 16, 1874. His father crossed the plains in 1849 and came to Lehi the same year in search of grazing land. He encountered Indians and returned with his companion to Draper for pasturage, not returning until about 1860 to make Lehi his permanent home. His mother was born on the plains at Chimney Rock in a covered wagon in 1851.

He was baptized on his eighth birthday by Lott Russon Sr. in the adobe hole. He married Eliza Jane Wanlass, a daughter of Jackson and Julia Sophia Phillips Wanlass in 1898 at Provo, Utah, and was later married in the Salt Lake Temple. They became the parents of four children, namely: Julia Jane (Mrs. Emery M. Anderson, Francis Robert, Donald Earl, and Dean Wanlass.

When the sugar factory was built he dug the first ground to determine a firm enough foundation. He worked as a carpenter during the construction. Other buildings he worked on were the tabernacle, the elementary school, several ward meeting houses and many homes.

He was appointed city night marshal in 1926 and served until 1928 under Mayor Jos. Broadbent and served on the police force a number of years afterward.

In community and church affairs, Mr Wilcox has always been active and progressive. He is a kind father, a good neighbor, and an industrious and energetic citizen.